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As an end user of computers and software I feel I must protest the proposed settlement of the Microsoft Case. To me it seems a small slap on the wrist for a company that has a virtual monopoly on both operating system and applications.

Most executives that choose the software for companies will pick Microsoft much as they used to pick IBM. They are afraid of incompatibilities when using 3rd party software.

Microsoft has bought their competition, or dried up their sales by announcing a competing product to be released "real soon now". Much software that I have used over the years is now gone, replaced by some "kitchen sink" variety, bundled into the current Windows version.

Now we are stuck with Access, Word and Excel, while old industry standards like Paradox, Lotus and WordPerfect are fading into obscurity.

It would be nice to have a choice in software at least if not the OS. I like General Motors but I want more than Chevrolet available. We need the competition.

Thank you for your consideration

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